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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Nick A. Van STRALEN et al.)	Group Art Unit: 2631
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Application No.: 10/035,618)	Examiner: Khanh C. Tran
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Filed: December 28, 2001)	
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)	Confirmation No.: 3863
TRACKING INVALID SIGNALS)	
THROUGH A DIGITAL SYSTEM)	

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the Office Action mailed May 16, 2005, please consider the following remarks.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 5-8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,693,984 to Andre (hereinafter referred to as Andre); and indicated that claims 1-4 and 9 are allowed.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 1-4 and 9. Claims 1-9 remain pending in this application.

Applicants respectfully traverse the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection of claims 5-8 as being unpatentable over Andre. No *prima facie* case of obviousness has been established with respect to these claims for at least the reason that Andre fails to